

Presentation of the OPD and OFD books to Steve Murray, Director of the Ala. Dept. of Archives & History



Mayor Gary Fuller, Steve Murray, Edna Ward (Editor for both books),
Rosanna McGinnis (Lew is Cooper Jr Memorial Library Director),
Assistant Police Chief Bob Holley, Fire Chief Byron Prather

Mayor Gary Fuller, along with Edna Ward, Rosanna McGinnis, Assistant Police Chief Bob Holley and Fire Chief Byron Prather presented the OPD and OFD books to Steve Murray, Director of the Alabama Department of Archives & History. We are excited that both historical books from Opelika will now be housed in the state archives.

Steve Murray is Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, the state agency that serves as the permanent repository for state government records, a special collections library, and the state's history museum. Murray became Director in 2012 after serving for six years as Assistant Director for Administration. His prior experience in public history included service as Managing Editor of *The Alabama Review* and the *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, both at Auburn University.

Murray is a member of the Alabama Historical Commission, the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, and the boards of numerous state halls of fame. He co-chairs the Alabama World War I Centennial Commission and is past president of the Alabama Historical Association. Murray also serves on the Board of Directors of the Council of State Archivists, the organization of the 56 state and territorial archivists in the United States.

A native of Louisiana, Murray has called Alabama home since he began graduate school at Auburn University in 1993. He and his wife, Laura, have three children.